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COMMUNICATION

This is in response to applicants' "Communication in Response to Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" filed 07 January 2002, including a declaration signed by inventor Eric Elam.

The 07 January 2002 response is a proper reply to the Decision mailed 04 October 2001.

The application has an International Filing Date of 13 January 1999 and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371 of 07 January 2002.

The application will be forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for processing in accordance with this letter.

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